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Ree ATATOS SELF-ALIGNING PEPTIDES MODELED ON HUMAN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, after the Title, please insert the following information: 1.

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial No. 09/340,736, filed June 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial No. 08/911,364, filed August 7, 1997, now U.S. patent No. 5,969,106, which, in turn, is based on U.S. provisional patent application serial No. 60/023,522, filed August 7, 1996. The entire contents of these applications, including their specifications, claims and drawings, are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

2. At page 2, line 36 - page 3, line 10, please delete the entire paragraph and replace with the following:

U.S. Patent No. 4,474,851 (Urry) is directed to an elastomeric composite material comprising an artificial core fiber, such as Dacron, and a polypeptide comprising repeating